

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Monday, September 17, 2018  
7:00pm  
Town Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jason Seacat, Richard Clark and James Simon.

Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

**2.1 Amendment to Agenda – Additional business to be considered under “Other Business requires Commission vote**

Jason Seacat motioned to add the draft letter dated September 17, 2018 to Mayor Champagne titled Planned Upper Bolton Lake Dam Refurbishment to item 5 Other Business/Goals/Discussion as item 5.2. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.2 Acceptance of minutes of August 20, 2018**

James Simon motioned to accept the minutes from the August 20, 2018 meeting as presented. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.3 Communications Received not related to agenda items**

- Vernon Holistic Healthfest announcement – April 6-7, 2019 at Vernon Center Middle School
- Email communication from Jon Roe – Tankerhoosen Newsletter Fall Activities in Vernon
- CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. annual meeting and environmental conference November 17, 2018
- Email received from resident submitted to Jon Roe regarding concerns of the Tankerhoosen

Jason Seacat motioned to add the resident email to item 5 Other Business/Goals/Discussion as item 5.3. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- VHB Letter dated August 23, 2018 regarding proposed parking lot renovation 30 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester

Jason Seacat motioned to add the VHB letter to item 5 – Other Business/Goals/Discussion as item 5.4. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- The Commission sent an email regarding IWC-2018-03, 200 Brandy Hill Rd to Craig Perry, Inland Wetlands Agent.

## **2.5 Organizational Considerations**

- Ryan Goad attended the annual DPW on September 15, 2018 and reported that it was a well-attended event.
- Discussion regarding catch basin/storm drain identification

Jason Seacat motioned for the Commission to collaboratively submit ideas to Town Planner Marina Rodriguez by October 1, 2018. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Open Space Program Update**

No communication has been received regarding Open Space.

## **4. New Business**

### **4.1 Application Review and Comments**

- None

### **4.2 Natural Resources**

- Vernal Pools

Nothing new of substance to report

- Bolton Lakes Issues

Discussion of the effects of fertilizer on the lakes.

James Simon motioned for Chairman Ryan Goad to contact Wetlands Enforcement, Tolland Agricultural Center and North Central District Health Department to gather information in an effort to educate residents about the use of fertilizer. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- Significant Trees

Nothing reported

## **5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion**

### **5.1 Future Activities**

Rifle Bioassessment for Volunteers (RBV) September 29, 2018

- Announcements have been sent out to the community including through the library and youth services.

### **5.2 Planned Upper Bolton Lake Dam Refurbishment**

Jason Seacat motioned for the draft letter for clarification regarding the planned upper Bolton Lake dam refurbishment to be submitted to Town Planner Marina Rodriguez to forward to Mayor Champagne. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **5.3 Resident Email Correspondence regarding the Tankerhoosen algae concerns.**

James Simon motioned for Chairman Ryan Goad to contact the Director of Parks and Recreation to inquire about what areas are treated and what the cost is to treat for educational communication. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **5.4 VHB Letter dated 8/23/18**

Jason Seacat motioned to send a letter to the Town of Manchester Planning and Zoning Commission with a copy to Katie Taylor, P.E. at VHB with thoughts on managing storm water from the planned new pavement area. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary